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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: N/A.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicants presented proposed amendment to claim 1 to include limitation of categorizing image data with respect to magnitude and range of brightness. Examiners find this amendment to be ambiguous and unconnected with respect to other limitations cited in claim 1, and suggest adding further limitations to more clearly incorporate the function or output of the categorization with the subject matter of claim 1.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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